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FOR GENTILE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: RSO FOR CAIRO

REF: STATE 43854

1. I GENUINELY APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND CONCERN. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT MY RELUCTANCE HAVE AN RSO IN NO WAY QUESTIONS DEDICATION OR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF RSO'S. NOR IS IT PROMPTED BY ANY FOOLISH SENSE OF BRAVADO. IT IS SOLELY A MATTER OF PRIORITIES. GIVEN THE TIGHT OPRED PERSONNEL CEILINGS WE MUST OPERATE UNDER THESE DAYS, I AM CONCERNED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF AN RSO SLOT COULD DEPRIVE ME OF SOME OTHER POSITION ESSENTIAL TO THE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF MY PRIMARY MISSION HERE.

2. I HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED YOUR COMMENTS IN REFTEL. I RESPECT YOUR VIEWS, BUT FRANKLY DO NOT BELIEVE THE DETERRENCE THEORY. TOO MANY OF YOUR RSO'S HAVE EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT IF SOMEONE IS REALLY OUT TO GET YOU, THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT IT. HOWEVER, YOUR POINT ABOUT THE ENORMOUS EFFORT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN ENOUGH MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF ECURITY FOR THE FIELD IS WELL TAKEN. I WOULD NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE UNAPPRECIATIVE.

3. I AM PREPARED THEREFORE TO TAKE AN RSO PROVIDED IT DOES NOT DEPRIVE ME OF SOME OTHER SLOT. I ASK ONLY
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ONE THING. PLEASE CHOOSE A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO WORK

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WITH AN OVERBURDENED STAFF. I WANT HIM TO HELP WITH
SECURITY, NOT CREATE MORALE PROBLEMS. I KNOW THIS IS
ALSO WHAT YOU WANT, BUT WE BOTH KNOW MUCH DEPENDS ON THE MAN.
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